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Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION**

In response to the final Office Action mailed 08/09/2006, as extended by the accompanying petition for a three-month extension, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**An Appendix** including an amended drawing figure follows page 10 of this paper.